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Mr. Albert Brown
Brown Brothers Construction
Post Office Box 249
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Subject: Authorization of Partial Release of Reclamation Surety, Brown Brothers Construction, Big Thompson Clay Pit, S/017/047, Garfield County, Utah

Dear Mr. Brown:

The Division has received a request for partial reclamation surety release of approximately 3.44 acres within the permit area of Big Thompson Clay Pit; file number S/017/047, located in Garfield County, Utah. The Division Bond Release Findings identify specifically the areas of release and the dollar amount associated with this reclamation surety release.

The retention of reclamation surety in the amount of \$3,000.00 is specifically for revegetation. Operator reclamation liability and obligation continues according to the terms of the approved reclamation plan as amended.

A Letter of Credit in the amount of \$11,000.00 is secured and fulfills the reclamation obligation. The Division will accept a surety reduction of \$8,000.00, which may be issued in the form of an amendment to the letter of credit.

The School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) has granted written consent of this reduction in surety.

Once the letter of credit amendment reducing the surety amount has been issued, the Division will then amend the reclamation contract and prepare an addendum identifying the changes associated with this action.

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this surety reduction action, or any other specific questions, please contact Reclamation Biologist, Paul Baker at 801-538-5261, or Surety Coordinator, Ms. Beth Ericksen at 801-538-5318.

Sincerely,



Susan M. White
Minerals Program Coordinator
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